

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-4, 12-15, and 21-24, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and add new Claims 39-44. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

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Claims 1-38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (new): An information providing method for providing information to a user, comprising:

a first search step of searching for a first information corresponding to inputted code information from a first data base;

an obtain step of obtaining a first keyword attached to the first information searched for in said first search step and a second keyword associated with a user who inputted the code information via a terminal;

a second search step of searching for a second information including the first and second keywords obtained in said obtain step; and

an output step of outputting the first information searched for in said first search step together with the second information searched for in said second search step.

Claim 40 (new): The method according to claim 39, wherein the first and second keywords have weight values, respectively, and

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said second search step searches for the second information in consideration of the weight values of the first and second keywords, respectively.

Claim 41 (new): The method according to claim 39, wherein said second search step is executed when a printing is indicated.

Claim 42 (new): The method according to claim 39, wherein said second search step searches for the second information in consideration of a terminal information of the terminal via which the user inputted the code information.

Claim 43 (new): An information providing apparatus for providing information to a user, comprising:

a first search unit, adapted to search for a first information corresponding to an inputted code information from a first data base;

an obtain unit, adapted to obtain a first keyword corresponding to the first information searched for by said first search unit and a second keyword associated with a user who inputted the code information via a terminal;

a second search unit, adapted to search for a second information including the first and second keywords obtained by said obtain unit; and

an output unit, adapted to output the first information searched for by said first search unit together with the second information searched for by said second search unit.

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Claim 44 (new): A computer program product embodying a program for implementing an information providing method for providing information to a user, comprising:

program code for a first search step, of searching for a first information corresponding to an inputted code information from a first data base;

program code for an obtain step, of obtaining a first keyword corresponding to the first information searched for in the first search step and a second keyword associated with a user who inputted the code information via a terminal;

program code for a second search step, of searching for a second information including the first and second keywords obtained in the obtain step; and

program code for an output step, of outputting the first information searched for in the first search step together with the second information searched for in the second search step.

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